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SUMMARY: THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES WITH UNITY AND STABILITY AS THE KEY WORDS. EARLY AGRICULTURAL REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGING FOR THEPRC, BUT COAL PRODUCTION APPEARS TO BE GROWING LESS RAPIDLY THAN HOPED, WHILE PETROLEUM OUTPUT CONTINUES TO EXPAND AT LAST YEAR'S RATE. ON THE EXTERNAL SIDE, THE PRC HOSTED THE GUINEA-BISSAUN COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE IRAQI VICE PRESIDENT WITH NEITHER VISIT YIELDING MUCH HARD INFORMATION. PRC MEDIA ATTACKS ON THE BUILD-UP OF SOVIET MIGHT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD CONTINUED WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC AND MEDITERRANIAN . THE THAI PRIME MINISTER RETURNED HOME FROM HIS PEKING VISIT, BUT WHATEVER GAIN PEKING MADE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA FROM ESTABLISHING SINO-THAI DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS APPEARS CONFIDENTIAL

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BALANCED BY TROUBLES IN SINO-MALAY RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. INTERNAL SCENE
THE PRC CONTINUES IT DOMESTIC FOCUS ON THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN WITH "UNITY AND STABILITY" FEATURES OF ATTENTION. DEMONSTRATING THE TURNABOUT IN POLITICS FROM THE DAYS OF DISRUPTIVE CAMPAIGNING, THE REGIME , EXERCISING "DICTATORSHIP", QUICKLY TORE DOWN POSTERS WHICH APPEARED IN A HIGHLY VISIBLE

LOCATION IN PEKING (REUTERS JULY 8). SIMILARLY, IN A HUPEH RADIO REPORT ON A CARE MURDERED WHILE CARRYING OUT PARTY POLICY, THE KEY LINE WAS THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES' EXERCISING "DICTATORSHIP" OVER THE KILLER (JUNE 30 BROADCAST). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. ON A SIMILAR "STABILITY" TACK, THE REGIME CONTINUES TO TURN AWAY FROM MASS PARTICIPATION IN PARTY RECTIFICATION-- THE MAOIST MODEL-- FOR A POLICY BASED ON INTERNAL REFORM FROM WITHIN THE PARTY -- A LINE ADVANCED EARLIER BY THE DISCREDITED LIU SHAO-CHI. WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT ABSENT FOR JULY 1 PARTY DAY (WR 27), OTHER MATERIALS CAME DOWN STRONGLY FOR A "PARTY KNOWS BEST" LINE WHICH PUT S THE PASSES IN A FOLLOW-THE-LEADER ROLE. SINCE LAST YEAR'S PARTY DAY EDITORIAL EMPHASIZED CONTROL FORM THE CENTER AND PARTY DOMINATION OF ALL OTHER SECTORS OF SOCIETY, THE 1973 WANG HUNG-WEN TENTH PARTY CONGRESS DICTUM THAT THE MASSES "HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE REVOLUTIONARY SUPERVISION OVER CADRES OF ALL RANKS OF OUR PARTY" HAS APPARENTLY BECOME INOPERATIVE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. MEANWHILE, THE REGIME'S CHIEF CONCERN-- BOOSTING PRODUCTION-- SEEMS TO BE MOVING AHEAD, BUT WITH LESS -THAN-EXPECTED RESULTS. INITIAL REPORTS FROM PROVINCES ON BOTH WHEAT HARVESTS AND SUMMER GRAIN CROPS ARE UPBEAT AND ENCOURAGING AND SEEM TO AVERAGE OUT AROUND A TEN PERCENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR, ITSELF IN MANY CASES A BUMPER YEAR. INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE, HOWEVER, IS SPOTTY WITH PETROLEUM, THE EXPECTED BRIGHT LIGHT, CONTINUING TO BROW AT LAST YEAR'S RATE, WHILE THE TROUBLED COAL INDUSTRY, AFTER A REPORTED SIX PERCENT GAIN IN THE FIRST QUARTER, REPORTING ONLY A "CONSIDERABLE" INCREASE AT MID-YEAR. THERE HAS BEEN NO OVERALL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION CLAIM, AND THE TROUBLED STEEL INDUSTRY HAS ALSO NOT BEEN HEARD FROM. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. NO KUDOS FOR CHIANG CHING ANNIVERSARY SPEECH

CONTINUING CHAING CHING'S EXTREMELY LOW PROFILE IN THE PUBLIC MEDIA (WR 24), THERE WAS NOTHING TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF HER JULY 5, 1964 SPEECH LAUNCHING THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION IN OPERA. BY CONTRAST , LAST YEAR'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY, WHEN MADAME MAO WAS TRYING TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL FROM THE ANTI-LIN /CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT , SAW HERE HIGHLY PRAISED IN TERMS USUALLY RESERVED FOR THE CHAIRMAN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. VETERANS CONTINUE TO RETURN

SEVERAL VETERAN CADRES AND PLA REHABILITATIONS WERE REVEALED LAST WEEK. IN YUNNAN, FORMER KUNMING VICE MAYOR KUO SHAO-CHUAN (6753/1421/1557) APPEARED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE KUNMING MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE, AND IN SHANTUNG, LI YU (7812/3768) HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS TSIANNA MUNICIPAL PARTY SECRETARY AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. MEANWHILE, NCNA ON JULY 8 CONFIRMED FU CHUNG-PI'S STANDING AS A DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE PEKING MR. FU, A PEKING GARRISON COMMANDER PURGED DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, WAS REHABILITATED LAST YEAR. THIS FOLLOWS ON THE HEELS OF NEWS OF CHANG TING-FA'S RESUMPTION OF HIS FORMER POSITION AS AIR FORCE DEPUTY COMMANDER (HK 7504).
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6. UNITED STATES

NCNA ROUTINELY REPORTED USLO'S JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS WITH VICE FONMIN WANG HAI-JUNG LEADING THE TURNOUT (PEKING 1241). OTHER REPORTING ON THE US CONCENTRATED ON SUPERPOWER CONTENTION WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AGAIN BEING QUOTED ON SOVIET NUCLEAR EXPANSION AS WELL AS HIS COMMENT ON THE US NOT BEING ABLE TO DISAVOW THE FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE US MOVE TO PROVIDE LOANS TO SYRIA AND EGYPT WAS REPORTED IN AN APPROVING FASHION, AND THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT, IN CONTRAST, THE SOVIETS HAD REFUSED TO RESCHEDULE EGYPTIAN DEBTS (NCNA JULY 3-5). UNCLASSIFIED

7. SOVIET UNION

THE PRC MEDIA CONTINUED TO ATTACK MOSCOW ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND
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SOVIET INFLUENCE AND MIGHT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. TWO PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLES DURING THE WEEK BLASTED FIRST THE SOVIETS' EFFORT TO "FILL THE VACUUM" IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THEN THE SOVIET NAVAL EXPANSION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHICH WAS TRACED BACK TO THE 1967 WAR. SOVIET NAVAL EXPANSION AND ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC WAS THE SUBJECT OF A LENGTHY NCNA FEATURE, WHICH

WAS BACKED UP SUBSEQUENTLY WITH REPORTS OF AN OFFICIAL SWEDISH PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS FOR INTRUSION INTO SWEDISH WATERS, AND WITH THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON INCREASED WARSAW BLOC NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. IN ASIA, NCNA ALSO POINTED TO INCREASED SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY NEAR JAPAN AND REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF A SOVIET FREIGHTER BY INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES. PRC MEDIA COVERAGE STRESSES THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES' CONCERN FOR AND INCREASED VIGILANCE AGAINST SOVIET AMBITIONS. DESPITE OCCASIONAL MENTION OF SUPERPOWER CONTENTION, ALL OF THE ARTICLES ARE STRIDENTLY ANTI-SOVIET AND TAKE BY CONTRAST A BENIGN VIEW OF US NAVAL ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD (NCNA JULY 3-8). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. SOUTHEAST ASIA

THAI PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT VISITED SHANGHAI, KUNMING, AND CANTON BEFORE DEPARTING CHINA FOR BANGKOK ON JULY 6. IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION PAID HIM BY THE PRC, HE WAS ACCOMPANIED OUT OF PEKING BY VICE PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND SENIOR VICE FONMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG. PRC GAINS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA THROUGH NORMALIZATION OF SINO-THAI RELATIONS, HOWEVER, MAY BE OFFSET SOMEWHAT BY TROUBLES IN SINO-MALAYSIAN RELATIONS. WITH BOTH INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE UNDOUBTEDLY WATCHING CLOSELY, THE MALAYSIANS, STILL UPSET BY PRC GREETINGS TO THE MALAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY (WR 19), HAVE REACTED STRONGLY TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER UNDIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES BY THE PRC EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR (KL 3823). THE MALAYSIAN EXPERIENCE SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE HANDS OF THOSE, PARTICULARLY IN INDONESIA, WHO ARE URGING A GO-SLOW POLICY IN RESTORING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PEKING. (NCNA JULY 3-6) CONFIDENTIAL

9. AFRICA

THE PRC HAS PLAYED UP CAPE VERDE'S INDEPENDENCE WITH A CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM FROM PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND THE PRESENCE OF

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THE CHINESE CHARGE IN GUINEA-BISSAU FOR THE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. THE GUINEA-BISSAUN COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VICTOR SAUDE MARIA, HAS BEEN IN PEKING SINCE JULY 3 AND IS BEING HOSTED BY HIS COUNTERPART, CHIAO KUAN-HUA. MARIA MET WITH PREMIER CHOU, BUT THUS FAR NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE VISIT IS AVAILABLE. MEANWHILE, THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS HEADED BY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS YEH FEI RETURNED TO PEKING JULY 3 AFTER SIGNING AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. ALSO IN PEKING ON A VISIT WAS A SENEGALESE MILITARY MISSION, WHICH HAS VISITED PLA UNITS AND MET WITH DEFMIN YEH CHIEN-YING (NCNA JULY 3-9). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

10. IRAQ

IRAQI VICE PRESIDENT TAHA MUHYIDDIN MAROUF PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE PRC JULY 4-7 BEFORE GOING ON TO NORTH KOREA. AS THE JULY 7 PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS STAY NOTED, MAROUF WAS RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN MAO, PREMIER CHOU AND HELD TALKS WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO SERVED AS MAROUF'S PRINCIPAL HOST. TENG ALSO WITNESSED THE JULY 6 SIGNING OF TWO SINO-IRAQI AGREEMENTS ON TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, NCNA REPORTS OF BANQUET SPEECHES SERVED TO HIGHLIGHT THE GAP SEPARATING CHINA AND IRAQ ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. IN HIS REMARKS MAROUF CHARACTERIZED THE MIDDLE EAST AS A "HOT-BED OF TURMOIL LIABLE TO EXPLODE AT ANY MINUTE," WHILE TENG SUGGESTED ONLY THAT THE STRUGGLE THERE WAS DEVELOPING IN DEPTH AND FOCUSED ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GULF AREA, WHICH HE TERMED "ENCOURAGING." TENG CALLED FOR THE REMOVAL OF "BIG-POWER FORCES" FROM THE GULF AND THE JOINT DEFENSE OF THE AREA BY THE GULF COUNTRIES, BUT STEERED CLEAR OF SENSITIVE ISSUES SUCH AS KOREA AND THE USE OF OIL AS A WEAPON. ON THE OTHER HAND, MAROUF CONDEMNED THE US FOR ALLEGEDLY "LAUNCHING OF LATE, A CAMPAIGN OF THREAT AND INTIMIDATION AGAINST THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES" AND FOR STATIONING FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA (NCNA JULY 4-8). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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11. MACAU

MACAU'S POLITICAL SITUATION ERUPTED INTO A PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES VERSUS THE GOVERNOR DISPUTE THIS WEEK WHEN THE GOVERNOR SENT POPULAR NAVAL COMMANDER CATARINO SALGADO BACK TO LISBON UNDER ARREST. THE RATIONALE WAS SALGADO'S REFUSAL TO DISMISS A SUBORDINATE WHO HAD PHOTOGRAPHED LISBON'S SPECIAL AMBASSADOR VITOR ALVES DANCING WITH A BARMAID WHILE HE WAS IN MACAU FOR THE TIMOR TALKS. MOST PROBABLY SALGADO'S ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO HEAD AN ABORTIVE MINI-COUP AGAINST THE GOVERNOR SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WAS THE REAL REASON BEHIND THE GOVERNOR'S DECISION. OTHER RANKING NAVAL OFFICERS HAVE REFUSED TO REPLACE SALGADO AS HARBORMASTER AND, REPORTEDLY, THE GOVERNOR IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO BRING OUT A SUCCESSOR FROM LISBON.

IRONICALLY, SALGADO'S MACAU TOUR OF DUTY WAS SCHEDULED TO END NEXT MONTH. OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS, INCLUDING SOME WHOME THE GOVERNOR HAD PERSONALLY SELECTED RECENTLY FOR MACAU DUTY, ARE EXPECTED TO BE SENT BACK TO LISBON SHORTLY. DESPITE THE FLURRY OF ACTIVITY, MACAU REMAINS QUIET WITH THE CHINESE POPULATION LED BY COMMUN TT SPOKESMAN HON YIN SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR, THE PORTUGUESE-MACENESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WORRIED ONLY ABOUT THE EFFECT OF POLITICAL UNREST ON THE SLUMPING PATAKA EXCHANGE RATE RELATIVE TO THE HONG KONG KONG DOLLAR. AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (SEVERAL OF HWHOM ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR CORRUPTION) CONCERNED PRIMARILY OVER TENURE IN THEIR JOBS. THE GOVERNOR REMAINS CONFIDENT, PREDICTING OPENLY THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER YOUNG OFFICERS WILL BE RETURNED TO LISBON, AND CLAIMING HIS PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MACAU IS PROCEEDING APACE. CONFIDENTIAL

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SOLDIERS: CHEN SHIH-CHANG, ONE OF THE SURVIVING NINE OF THE TEN AMNESTIED EX-"KMT WAR CRIMINALS" IN HONG KONG SEEKING ENTRY INTO TAIWAN, RECEIVED AN IMMIGRANT VISA AND DEPARTED FOR THE US ON JULY 4. IN THE ONLY COMMENTARY BY COMMUNIST PRESS ON CHEN'S DEPARTURE, THE PRC-OWNED WEN WEI PAO ON JULY 5 CONTENDED THAT CHEN HAD BEEN "COMPELLED BY CIRCUMSTANCES" TO TRAVEL TO THE US AND "TEMPORARILY RESIDE" WITH HIS US CITIZEN DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW WHILE AWAITING FINAL WORD ON HIS APPLICATON TO JOIN HIS WIFE AND HOST OF RELATIVES IN TAIWAN. THE AUTHOR THEN LEVELED A STINGING ATTACK ON GRC PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO AS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF CHEN AND HIS COLLEAGUES TO BE GRANTED TAIWAN ENTRY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

13. MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED CHEN'S EIGHT COLLEAGUES HERE AN EXTENSION OF STAY UNTIL AUGUST 5. WITH THE LOCAL PRC REPRESENTATIVE MAKING IT INCREASINGLY CLEAR THEIR PREFERENCE THAT THE MEN NOT RETURN TO THE PRC AND OFFERING TO COVER THEN MEN'S TRAVEL COSTS TO WHEREVER THEY CHOOSE TO GO, SOME OF THE OLD SOLDIERS ARE GIVING INCREASING CONSIDERATION TO THE US AS A POSSIBLE HAVEN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

14. SPIES: THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS ARRESTED AND SENTENCED A SECOND INTELLIGENCE AGENT FOR THE GRC IN LESS THAN A MONTH. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, 46-YEAR-OLD, CONFESSED SPY LAU SIU -CHAU (AKA LAU SUI-CHAN, AKA LAU SING) ADMITTED ENTERING THE COLONY ON A FISHING BOAT LAST YEAR AND HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AS THE RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE ON CONDITIONS IN THE PRC. UNCLASSIFIED
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